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LONDON FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV RH UK BC
SUBJ: RHODESIA: TALKS WITH OWEN

REF: (A) LONDON 2979, (B) STATE 46686

IN VIEW OF REF B, WE ASSUME QUESTIONS POSED IN REF A NOW ARE
MOOT. FOR THE RECORD, HOWEVER, AND REALIZING THAT BROADER POLICY
QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN MORE PERSUASIVE, WE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE
OUR VIEW THAT A VISIT HERE FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE
WOULD HAVE BEEN BOTH WELCOME AND IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME.
WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SUCH A VISIT, AT LEAST TO THIS SMALL
PART OF AFRICA, WOULD HAVE BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD AS MARKING A
CHANGE IN US POLICY ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE DO, HOWEVER, FULLY
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UNDERSTAND THE RISKS INVOLVED IN TAKING DECISIVE OR PUBLIC
ACTIONS BEFORE USG HAS GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY TO THE SLOWLY
EVOLVING SALISBURY "AGREEMENT". WE HOPE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MOOSE WILL PLAN SUCH A VISIT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, ONCE WE HAVE
A CLEARER VIEW OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SALISBURY TALKS.
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